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Dear Mr. Hetu:

Thank you for your letter which we published, per attached. The editorial writer who wrote the CIA editorial most certainly should have known better.

While we are strict about confining opinion to our editorial page, we also emphasize strongly the need for absolute accuracy when *//alleged//* facts are stated. I wish I could offer some mitigating circumstances as I can in some cases of error, but, alas, there are none. So we chalk that one up to utter carelessness.

But don't do like old Hoover now and put us on a CIA hate list. I have several friends who have served with the Company and this newspaper has no anti-CIA stance.

That does not mean that when we can call the CIA to task, that we won't. But by God it does mean we don't need harebrained editorials. The blame ultimately rests with me for not having screened that one, as I do almost each and every one, as well as write most for this paper.

In a world of turmoil, keep up the good work.

Best regards,  
THE DAILY TIMES-NEWS

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